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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patent
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated October 5, 2005 for which a response was due on January 5, 2006. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a 3-month extension of time; thereby extending the deadline for response to April, 2006. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the Remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendment to the Drawings begin on page 7 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

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